

Unity Work

May 1, 2016

LIFE IN CHRIST

Life in Christ • Ephesians 4:1-16 • Message 4

PRAY • THERE ARE A LOT OF CHURCHES IN THIS TOWN...

Our mission: to help people discover life in Christ.

DO YOU WANT A LIFE OF SPIRITUAL POWER? • REVIEW QUOTES

Review

- Those in Christ have been given a spiritually **powerful life**.
- Those in Christ have been brought **near to God**, even into his **family**.
- If you have put your **faith** in Jesus, **you are included in Christ**.

THAT COULD GET CROWDED! • WHAT DOES LIFE LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU ARE IN CHRIST?

Unity Work – Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 815)

Worthy of the Calling (v. 1)

WHAT IS "THE CALLING" • EPH 1:9-10, 2:1, 4-5, 19

My calling is to be **ALIVE** in Christ, to be in **UNITY** with God's people, and to bring **BOTH** to **OTHERS**.

HOW CAN YOU BE "WORTHY" OF THAT? • DISPLAY THE CHRIST LIFE, THE UNITY LIFE, GIVE IT AWAY

Foundations of Unity (v. 2-6)

Christian unity begins with **DOCTRINE** ...BOUNDARY LINES: ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE BODY • ASIDE ON CHURCH HISTORY
ASIDE ON LCC • REACH THE UNREACHED AND UNIFY THE UN-UNIFIED... but ends with **HARD WORK**.IF YOU HANG AROUND HERE LONG ENOUGH, SOMEONE HERE WILL MAKE YOU MAD
IT'S MY JOB TO DO THE HARD WORK OF BEARING WITH YOU... AND VICE VERSA • D.A.

The Structure of Unity (v. 7-16)

READ IT • SUPREME ONE • DIVERSITY OF GIFTS

Christ's first gifts to me are my **LEADERS**.NOT ABILITIES OR ROLES, BUT PEOPLE • JOHN, PETER, PAUL WERE THE GIFT!
APEST? • 1 CO 12:28 • WHAT KIND OF LEADERS? ... HARD WORK!

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KNOW the **TRUTH** and **PLAY** my **PART**.ILL: JOEL KICKED ME OUT OF THE YOUTH ROOM, HIGHER STANDARDS, UNFAIR!
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HARD WORK ON BOTH SIDES!! • WORTH IT!? EPHESIANS 4:15Submissive, cooperative unity builds **MATURITY**.

EVERYONE OF MY KEY GROWTH MOMENTS INVOLVED SOME SUBMISSION • TOILETS IN MEXICO

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